

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0306

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Pima JTED: Urban Workforce Development via Career and Technical Education project for fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pima County JTED.

The funding would increase access to Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in inner-city Tucson and throughout Southern Arizona by purchasing 4.5 acres of land adjacent to an existing campus currently operating at capacity. Hundreds of secondary students each year in programs like Construction Technology, Heavy Equipment Operator, BioScience/Sustainability will benefit from an immediate availability of outdoor work-based learning activities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because of the immense return on investment for the individual students as well as the Local, State, and National economies. Career and Technical Education (CTE) has shown to be one of the most powerful tools for student success in high school and afterwards. Providing increased access to these programs by funding this project will have a positive primary impact on the individual student and several other positive societal impacts on our community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Juan Ciscomani
Member of Congress